66th CONGRESS, 2d SESSION.

H. J. RES. 282.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 24, 1920.

Mr. KING introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Library and ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION

To reerect the statue of Abraham Lincoln upon its original site.

Whereas the statue of Abraham Lincoln has been removed from the courthouse square in the District of Columbia; and

Whereas this statute was erected in 1868 through the efforts and contributions of Washington citizens who were personally acquainted with the great emancipator; and

Whereas the spot which it occupied was consecreated and hallowed by the presence and assistance at the dedication of such illustrious men as President Johnson, General Grant, General Hancock, General Howard, and others who have since passed to the Great Beyond; and

Whereas the orator of that day, in a burst of prophetic eloquence declared that "Monumental marble may crumble into dust; bronze may melt away; granite may perish from the earth, but the memory of Abraham Lincoln shall live in human bosoms and be perpetuated on the living pages as long as any nation or people shall exist on earth," and pronounced the spot of its erection to be "where the earliest kiss of rosy day as she approaches from the east may fall upon it, and where

the last gleam of evening's mellow light may salute it as the twilight darkens into night," and predicted amidst the applause of the great admiring multitude, " here it will stand to be seen by generations long hence to come "; and

Whereas the statue was the first great memorial to be offered by a loving people and an excellent likeness and the work of that eminent artist Lot Flannery, the only sculptor of Lincoln who personally knew the great idol of the people; Therefore be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the engineering section of the War Department is
4 hereby authorized and directed to reerect the statue upon the
5 original sacred site at once, and upon a secure and appropriate
6 foundation.

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